(b) if so, the measures taken to increase the exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India had announced the Policy on Software Export, Software Development and Training in December, 1986. The main thrust of the Policy framework is integrated development of software for domestic and export market. The policy permits import of hardware for software export scheme, import of software under Open General Licence, release of Foreign Exchange Blanket permit for marketing expenses abroad, and simplification of procedures for processing of applications, Based on abroad, and simplification of procedures experience and review from time to time, measures are taken on a continuing basis to update the policy and provisions such as import of computer hardware on loan basis, simplified procedure for acquisition of companies abroad etc., were announced. A series of incentive like exemption from income tax under Section 80 HHC for export of software, reduction in the customs duty of the capital goods needed for software and avoidance of double taxation on import of software have also been announced.

The Department of Electronics has set up Software Technology Parks at Pune, Bangalore and Bhubaneshwar to cater to the needs of software development units for 100 per cent exports software through data communication links.

Communal and Caste Riots in Bihar

621. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many incidents of communal and caste riots have taken place in Bihar during the last six months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of CRPF, BSF and other Central paramilitary forces deployed during the above period; and

(d) the measures taken to curb such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) On the basis of available information, the following four serious incidents of communal violence occured in the State of Bihar during the last six months:—

Place and Date	No. of persons	
	Killed	Injured
1. Daronda Distt. Ranchi (Oct 9,90)	1	6
2. Ranchi city (Oct 26,28, 1990)	4	16
3. Aryodi/Kadru cities Distt. Ranchi (28-10-1990)	1	5
4. Patna city (Nov. 27-29)	11	5

No serious incident of caste violence occured in the State of Bihar during the last six months.

(c) Units of Central para-military forces are made available to the State Governments on request, subject to availability.

(d) Material support in terms of paramilitary forces and equipment is provided to the State Governments as and when occasion arises or demands are made to enable them to effectively manage and control the riot situation on ground.

With a view to finding ways and means of combatting the evils of communalism,

the National Integration Council has been deliberating to find a solution to this vexed problem. The Council held two meetings during 1990—one in April in New Delhi and the other in September in Madras. At these meetings, resolutions were passed to the effect that the problems have to be solved in a peaceful manner, an amicable solution is to be found to the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid issue and that nothing should be done to aggravate the communal tension which already exists in the country.

With a view to promoting the twin concepts of communal harmony and national integration, a scheme is presently operative in the Ministry of Home Affairs under which financial assistance is granted to the Voluntary Organisations for holding functions and seminars for this purpose in various parts of the country.

Keeping in mind the need to foster communal harmony and prevent the occurance of communal riots in the country, guidelines were issued to States/UTs in April, 1990 detailing measures in this behalf. A set of suggestions have also been sent to States/UTs in August, 1990, about the curbing of inflammatory speeches, writings etc. which tend to vitiate the communal atmosphere in the country.

The Ministry of Home Affairs is also monitoring some aspects of the 15-Point Programme for Minorities Welfare. These include setting up of Special Courts, relief to riot victims, recruitment of minorities in police etc.

Special Courts have been set up in Delhi (3), Bhagalpur (6), and Meerut (2) for expeditious trial of communal riot cases. The Governments of Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have also been requested to set up similar special courts, where communal riots had occurred during October, 1989-December, 1989.

The Central Government is also considering the creation of a Riot Force to control communal riots in different parts of the country.

New Industrial Policy

622. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated the new industrial policy; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, by when it is likely to be formulated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) A paper titled "Policy measures for the promotion of small scale and agro based industries and changes in procedures for industrial approvals" was laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament on 31st May, 1990. The matter is under consideration.

Revamping of Punjab Administration

623. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to revamp the Punjab Administration and an action plan to deal with militants is also being finalised;

(b) if so, the manner in which the Punjab Administration would be revamped and the activities of the militants would be defused;

(c) the details of the suggestions received from the Punjab Government for introducing changes in the State Administration; and

(d) what action has been taken by the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) The situation in Punjab is constantly under review. As part of the overall strategy to find a